

REMARKS

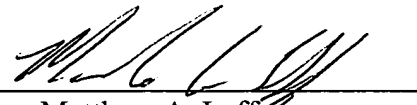
Claims 1-17 and 23-24 remain pending in the instant application after the foregoing amendments.

Applicants note that Claims 18-22 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice to filing a continuation application directed to such inventions.

If a telephonic communication with the Applicants' representative will advance the prosecution of the instant application, please telephone the representative indicated below. Applicants believe no additional fees are due but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this amendment to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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